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In response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2008, please amend the application as follows, and consider the appended remarks.

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a 3-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from January 7, 2009 to April 7, 2009.